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35	8th Apr....	......	....	*Deceased Seaman Corsair.*—Certain particulars regarding him requested to be furnished for the information of the Board of Trade..................	13th May...	27-28

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	1869.		1869.		1869.	
38	22nd Apr.	......	....	*Spanish Decree regarding Port and Navigation Dues.*—Copy of the Decree granting British vessels arriving at Spanish Ports advantages in regard to such dues, forwarded..................................	2nd June...	1-2
44	13th May..	......	....	*Account of the Little Basses Light Dues.*— For the quarter ending 31st December 1869 Certain queries asked by the Board of Trade regarding the Account requested to be supplied with answers......	19th June...	22-23
81	30th Sep...	......	....	*Wreck Returns*, forwarded..............	26th Nov...	23-24
103	14th Dec...	......	....	*Great and Little Basses Lights, Ceylon.*—Copies of the Order fixing the dues to be levied for those Lights, forwarded.........	1870. 24th Jan.	26-27

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Nos.	Dates.	Papers reported.		Subject.
	1869.	1869.		
1	26th Jan ...	15th Jan....	20-21	*Melville Shoal.*—Report of the non-existence of the Shoal which is marked in the Admiralty Chart of the Bay of Bengal of 1863, brought to the notice of the Home Government.
2	6th Feb ...	4th Feb....	5-6	*Distressed Seamen.*—Account of the expenses incurred in the relief of certain —, transmitted.
3	26th Feb. ...	20th Feb....	25-26	*Marine Stores.*—Indent for —, for the year 1869-70, transmitted.
4	8th Mar ...	3rd Mar ...	3-4	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.*—Accounts of light dues collected at the several Ports of the Madras Presidency on account of the —, for the quarter ending 31st December 1868, transmitted.
5	12th Mar...	11th Mar ...	19-20	*Ship Captain's Medical Guide.*—One hundred copies of the book applied for, for distribution in the Madras Presidency.
6	27th April.	20th April..	33-34	*Deceased Seaman.*—Papers relative to the effects of a —, transmitted.
7	17th May...	11th May...	20-21	*Distressed Seamen.*—Account of the expenses incurred in the relief of certain —, transmitted.
8	31st May ...	31st May ...	62-63	——— Refund to the Board of Trade of a sum of Rupees 9-8, overpaid for messing certain distressed seamen on the Steamer *Cheduba* on their voyage from Bimlipatam to Madras, requested.
9	22nd June..	17th June ..	19-21	*Deceased Seaman Corsair.*—The particulars required by the Board of Trade regarding —, furnished.
10	22nd June .	21st June...	26-27	*Definition of the term "After-hold."*—With reference to the difference of opinion existing among Commanders of Vessels as to the space in a ship which the term "after-hold" is intended to comprise, a distinct definition of the term requested.
11	6th July...	6th July...	3-4	*American Ship "Coringa."*—The arrival in the Madras roads of the vessel with the Commander, Officers and Crew of the British Barque "Glendower" which had to be abandoned at Sea, reported.
12	20th July...	20th July...	38-39	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.*—Accounts of light dues collected at the several Ports of the Madras Presidency on account of the —, for the quarter ending 31st March 1869, transmitted.
13	4th Aug...	30th July...	48-49	*Distressed Seamen.*—Account of the expenses incurred in the relief of certain —, transmitted.

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Nos.	Dates.	Papers reported.		Subject.
	1869.	1869.		
14	17th Aug...	19th July... 11th Aug...	36-37 4-5	*Stranding of the British Barque "Alexandra."*—Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the —, transmitted.
15	31st Aug...	1st Sept ...	3-4	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.*—The explanation of the Accountant-General of the apparent discrepancy in the Account of dues collected in the quarter ended 31st December 1868, transmitted.
16	7th Sept...	30th Aug...	40-41	*Definition of the term "After-hold."*—This Government's request for a definition of the term repeated, with reference to certain Army Clothing brought by the "*John Allan*" and found to be damaged on survey.
17	20th Sept...	17th Sept...	31-32	*Marine Stores.*—Indent for —, for 1870-71, transmitted.
18	20th Sept...	17th Sept...	33-34	——— An indent for — required for the Port of Narikal, belonging to the Cochin State, transmitted.
19	27th Sept...	22nd Sept...	39-40	*Little Basses Rock Light Vessel, Ceylon.*—Accounts of light dues collected at the several Ports of the Madras Presidency on account of the —, for the quarter ending 30th June 1869, transmitted.
20	8th Oct ...	4th Oct....	3-4	*Cranes.*—A supplemental Estimate for twelve Cranes required for the use of the Marine Department, transmitted.
21	16th Oct...	14th Oct....	19-22	*Deceased Seamen.*—Papers relative to the effects of certain —, transmitted.
22	25th Oct....	8th Oct....	7-12	*Marine Diver.*—The Home Government requested to arrange for sending out a skilled Diver for the Port of Madras to take Mr. Shellito's place.
23	13th Nov...	8th Nov...	7-8	*Distressed Seamen.*—Account of the expenses incurred in the relief of certain — transmitted.
24	30th Nov...	1st Sept. ... 14th Sept... 9th Oct.... 14th Oct.... 16th Oct.... 23rd Oct.... 26th Nov...	5-6 27-28 16-18 28-29 32-33 36-37 21-22	*Grounding of the British Barque "Edwin Fox."*—The Proceedings of a Commission of inquiry appointed to investigate the circumstances connected with the —, transmitted.
25	31st Dec....	31st Dec....	24-25	*Marine Diver.*—The Home Government requested to give directions for the stoppage of the £8 paid monthly in England to the wife of Mr. Shellito, the Marine Diver, on the termination of his period of service on the 11th of March 1870.

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